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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] C/FE

SUBJECT : Prisoner of War Matters

REFERENCE : Admiral Moorer's 29 November 1971 Memorandum
to the DCI (CM-1335-71)

1. As you know, Admiral Moorer in his capacity as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has written the Director requesting continued and increased Agency support in the Defense Department's efforts on the prisoner of war issue. These efforts are directed both at acquiring further intelligence and at endeavoring, where possible or feasible, to mount operations to free U.S. captives.

2. In that memorandum, Admiral Moorer noted that a new, senior level task force was being set up to coordinate the Defense Department's activities in this sphere and asked that the Agency provide a representative to sit thereon. On the cover sheet of the ribbon copy of Admiral Moorer's memo you noted that the DDP has suggested that we take the action on this matter. Such action, in fact, is already in train. The Director has designated my deputy (and your officer) [REDACTED] as the Agency's representative on this new committee and [REDACTED] has in fact already attended the first preliminary meeting thereof.

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3. I reviewed current prisoner-related developments briefly at the 9 December gathering of the Indochina brethren. As soon as Mr. [REDACTED] has the Defense Department's proposed structure a little more clearly in hand, I will invite you, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] up for a thorough briefing. Defense, however,

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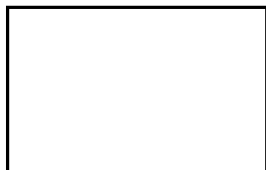
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is still sorting itself out. [redacted] is the chairman of the new task force. His intentions seem to be excellent but there is still homework to be done within the military establishment before much forward motion is possible.

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cc: DDP

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